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I'M YASUHA KIRYUHIN, A PRIVATE DETECTIVE...
I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD EVER WANT ME.
I WAS CAST ASIDE SOON AFTER I WAS BORN. I MUST HAVE BEEN "UNWANTED."
PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN USING COIN LOCKERS.

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LIVE FOR LOVE ~BL DETECTIVES~

COME ON...
WORK FOR ME.
DID YOU GET DOWNSIZED FROM YOUR JOB, OR SOMETHING?
I KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS -- I'M A DETECTIVE AFTER ALL!
HUH?! NO, I...
IT'S NOT THAT
YOU LOOKED SO GLUM DRINKING YOUR BEER...
LIFE THERE'S A GRAY CLOUD HANGING OVER YOUR LIFE.
HUMPH
DETECTIVE...?
KIYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
CHIEF
YASUIE KIYUUIN
1-1-00XX SHINJUKU TOKYO TEL 03-00XX
YUP.

SEIN
CRUNCH
SEIN
YOUR FACE IS EVEN SEXIER WHEN YOU'RE SCARED...
AND YOUR SKIN IS BEAUTIFUL EVEN UP CLOSE.
AH...!
FLINCH
TUG
NOW GET READY...
TO TAKE IT.
TIP

BLINK
●REC
STOP..
NO.. UNTIE ME...
FLINCH
FLINCH
TUG
HOTEL
HEH
THAT'S NICE...

...WHAT?!
WAVE WAVE
ANYWAY, WHY DON'T YOU...
HAND OVER EVERYTHING YOU'VE RECORDED...
KIND OF SLEAZY
FOR A SUCCESSFUL GUY LIKE YOU
UEDA-SAN FROM HATSUNO ? WOW... THAT'S A HIGH CLASS COMPANY
TH...THAT'S MINE!! GIVE IT BACK!!
VIDEO-TAPING BONDAGE SEX WITH LOVELY YOUNG BOYS...

WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW US?
WH... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?
AND I'LL GIVE IT— BACK ♡

GRAB
TAKE... UGH!?
MMPH!

YOU'RE LATE!!
SORRY! I COULDN'T GET IN THE BUILDING
?!
WH WH- WHAT IS THIS...?!
CLICK
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE INTERRUPTION... A-HA! HERE IT IS! ♡

SHOT
DON'T GET CAUGHT BY ANY MORE WEIRDOS!
...
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
HUH?
WELL, THAT WRAPS THAT UP ~~
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T LIKE BEING THE BAIT IN THAT CASE
...!!
GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, YOCCHIN?

KIRYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
—BASICALLY, WE'VE GOT THAT GUY BY THE BALLS
I'D SAY YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER
NAME'S KIRYUUIN, P.I...
AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, NOMURA

I'LL KISS IT ALL BETTER...
MMMM
MMPH
SECRET FILES
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.

YOUR FINGERS ARE SO PRETTY, YOCCHIN...
THEY'RE LIKE LITTLE FISH.
AH...
..!!

MORE IMPORTANTLY YASU!!
FLIP
EL CREDIT UNION
WHAT'S THIS—?
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE...?!
I PLAYED HAIT BECAUSE I KNEW I WAS THE RIGHT ONE FOR THE JOB!
YOU... YOU HIT ME!
SO YOU KNEW YOU'D BE GOOD AT IT HUH?

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!!
HMM...
OUR BANK BOOK?

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A COMPANY TO HAVE A BALANCE LIKE THAT?!
BALANCE
$ 5 00
OUR SAVINGS!! IT'S $5.00!!
IT'S NOT "REGRETTABLE"!!
DAMN
THAT'S, UH REGRETTABLE, ISN'T IT...?
YOU ACCEPTED THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S CASE FOR FREE!!
AND THE ADULTERY INVESTIGATION WE DID BEFORE— YOU SPENT $200!!
YOU IDIOT!!
S... SORRY...
TRY TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF URGENCY!!

WHEN I WAS TRICKED BY YOUR WORDS
I'M REMEMBERING SEVEN YEARS AGO...
HUH?
A PERFECT DOWNWARD SPIRAL...
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I CONNED YOU.
I'D JUST LEFT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MY FOSTER PARENTS WERE ON MY CASE, MY GIRLFRIEND HAD BROKEN UP WITH ME—
SAD FOR MY REPUTATION
HE WAS TOP OF HIS DEPARTMENT TOO
WHAT FATE BROUGHT ME TO WORK AT THIS PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A DETECTIVE AGENCY...?
HUH...? WHAT'S WRONG?!
WELL...
IT'S NOT LIKE I FORCED YOU, DID I?

THUMP
TOMORROW'S ANOTHER DAY
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM? DID YOU FORGET WHAT OUR LANDLORD KABAKO-SAN SAID?!
WE EVEN HAD OUR ELECTRICITY TURNED OFF A WHILE AGO!!
WELL, I COULDN'T TAKE THAT KIO'S SCHOOL MONEY, NOW COULD I?
A LADY NEVER TELLS HER AGE
THE LANDLORD, KABAKO-SAN (AGE UNKNOWN)
UGH
"IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RENT MONEY THIS MONTH, I CAN TAKE YOUR BODY AS PAYMENT!"
WH... WHAT DID SHE SAY?
JUST PAY HER!!
IT'S THE RENT YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT!!
WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR PRIVATES!!
POUNCE
MAN... I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON MY PRIVATES.
SIGH
SIGH
IT'S ALL RIGHT— EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT!

HEY! YOU'RE LOOKING VERY PRETTY TODAY, YUKARI-SAN!!
I DON'T FEEL LIKE... CORRECTING HER...
GETTING ALONG LIKE ALWAYS, I SEE!
BOW
I'M ON MY WAY TO WORK
OOH! YACCHAN AND NOMURA-KUN!!
OH, YOU! ♡ COME BY THE CLUB ANY TIME, BOYS.
LONG TIME, NO SEE ♡
OF COURSE!! ESPECIALLY FOR NOMURA KUN.
DO YOU HAVE A DISCOUNT FOR HOTTIES?
WHAT ABOUT ME?!
YOU KNOW I MEAN YOU, TOO!
—

SMACK
YOU CHOSE THIS YOURSELF.
IN THE END...
GRR...
...
SHOVE
SHALL WE?
NOW ON TO THE NEXT JOB!

HE SMILED WHEN HE SAW YOU...!
HEE HEE
MOTHER ..?
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE ME.
FOUR YEARS LATER..
THEY HAD A CHILD OF THEIR OWN.
WHAT IS IT, YOSHIYUKI-SAN?
UM...
IT'S NOTHING ..
FATHER, MOTHER...
GO GO
TEE HEE
NO, HE DOESN'T!

DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM..?
THEY SAY NOMURA-KUN WAS ABANDONED IN A COIN LOCKER...
I NEVER KNEW MY REAL MOTHER AND FATHER
BACK THEN, THEY CALLED ME THE "COIN LOCKER BABY"
WHEN I WAS 12, THE NOMURA FAMILY TOOK ME IN BECAUSE THEY LIKED THE FACT THAT I GOT GOOD GRADES.
NATIONAL EXAMS
SHEET
UM... FATHER...?
I MADE THE TOP 10% IN NATIONAL EXAMS...
WILL THEY BE HAPPY?

MY BODY TEMPERATURE IS NATURALLY LOW! NOW LET GO!! I DON'T WANT PEOPLE THINKING WE'RE A COUPLE!!
THINK OF WHERE WE ARE!
SHOOM
HUH?
HM...?
HEY, WAIT—
FOR SOME REASON...
I FELT LIKE THAT SHADY-LOOKING GUY—
SHIVER
COME ON—
WORK FOR ME
YOCCHIN-N-N—!

...NOTHING.
WHOA YOUR HANDS ARE COLD!!
STARTLE
PAT
EH? WHA?!
YOCCHIN!!
YOU WERE ALL SPACED OUT AND SHIVERING—
YOU'RE WARMING UP NOW, RIGHT?
HH—WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU SCARED ME!

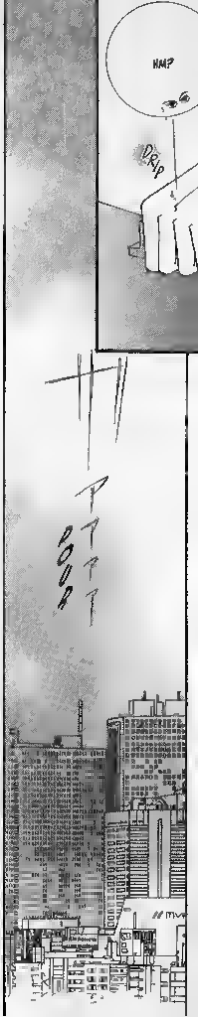
MICHELANGELO
MEOW?
HOP, LEAP & AT 'EM!
GOTCHA
SO MANY...
THERE'S STILL TAMAO-CHAN FOR SAYURI-SAN AT THE GAY BAR AND NAOKI-KUN FOR RURI-CHAN AT THE DATING CLUB — THREE IN ALL
NICE JOB, YOCCHIN!
MEOW
NOW MANY ARE LEFT?
SO WE'RE REDUCED TO PET RETRIEVAL NOW ?
YOU'RE ALWAYS CUTTING ME DOWN!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS PART OF A DETECTIVE'S JOB!
MEOW?
MUST BE A PROBLEM WITH THE MANAGEMENT HERE
WHY CAN'T WE GET A WELL-PAYING CLIENT FOR A SINGLE CASE?

HERE BOY
MIKE—
MEOW
MIKE-CHAN!

SIGH
...IDIOT
COULD FINALLY GIVE ME A PLACE WHERE I BELONGED

SWIP
...?
FWIP
TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
S SHOULD I..?
GULP
HUH...?

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU
WAS IT SUPPOSED TO RAIN TODAY?
I'M FREEZING.
SHIVER
HUH? THIS IS MY FAULT TOO?
DRIP
AH, GEEZ
CRACK
HEY, YOCCHIN
GULP


HM?
DRIP
POUR
PITTER

HEY, YASU...
HUH? THERE'S ONLY ONE...
...
WHAT ELSE WOULD THERE BE? I'M BORROWING A TOWEL.
LEAN
WHERE ARE THE --- ?
NOW WHAT ?
NOTHING, IT'S JUST--

GLOMP
OH, YOCCHIN!
...
YOCCHIN-- I I CAN'T--
? OF COURSE.
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA
I THINK...
SIGH
--
HUH--?
AWW-- THAT'S ALL?
SHOVE
I MEAN, CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES, BECAUSE THEY'RE SOAKED!
YOCCHIN

BI-DUM
YOCCHIN—
BI-DUM
IDIOT.
YOU...
THUD
DRY OFF BEFORE YOU CATCH COLD!
AND ZIP UP!
BER SHUCK!
EH?!
THUD
OWW—!
SIGH
I GUESS I HAVE TO —
BECAUSE OF YOUR THOUGHTLESS COMMENT —
YOU'D BETTER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
I'M FEELING KINDA FUNNY DOWN THERE
WHAT—?
BI-DUM
WAIT, YO —
HUH—?!

GEEZ
MUTTER
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WARM YOURSELF UP ON ANOTHER GUY, YOU SHAMELESS PIG!
MUTTER
..!
IT'S NOT LIKE I DO THAT WITH JUST ANYONE...!
YOU'RE THE ONE ALWAYS TRYING TO TOUCH ME!
QUIT TAKING THINGS THE WRONG WAY!
CLICK
SORRY— IT'S JUST BEEN SO COLD LATELY, I THOUGHT A LITTLE SKIN-ON-SKIN ACTION WOULD WARM ME UP!

HM? NO—
—? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

OH BE QUIET
YOU'RE TOYING WITH MY INNOCENT MALE HEART! YOU DEVIL!
RUB RUB
THAT'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT! BULLY! YOU TEASE! NO FAIR!!

I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN PAID YET THIS MONTH— HOW IS THAT NOT JUST AS CRUEL?!
THEN HOW 'BOUT I PAY YOU WITH MY BODY? ♡
I'M SEXUALLY HARASSING YOU?! WHICH ONE OF US IS THE BULLY HERE?

SORRY! I'LL PAY!
SCARY— EVEN THE HEART AT THE END OF THAT GIVES ME CHILLS
JUST LIKE YOU ASKED
CRACK
YES, INDEED I'LL TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR HIDE ♡
CRACK

JUST ANSWER IT!
RING
WHO COULD BE CALLING US? A BIG CLIENT, MAYBE?!
WAHOO!
EH?
RING
RING
THIS IS THE B (BEAUTIFUL) AND L (LOVELY) DETECTIVE AGENCY!
STOP DOING THAT!!
HELLO, THANK YOU FOR CALLING!
YOCCHI!
IT'S YOUR MOM.
...?
OH YES, I SEE...

...?
WHAT?
?
IT'S A SECRET.
DRIP

SHOULD WE GET BACK TO WORK?
HM? THE RAIN'S LETTING UP.

第2話
CHAPTER 2

...?
WHAT? FATHER...?
HELLO YES, IT HAS BEEN A WHILE
THIS IS UNUSUAL...
HE COLLAPSED...?
To be Continued

KIRYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
YASU...?
ARE YOU HERE?
THUMP
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
IS YOUR DAD ALL RIGHT?
V-YEAH, HE'S OKAY.
HE'LL BE DISCHARGED IN A WEEK, THEY SAID
OH THERE YOU ARE YOCCHIN!
WELCOME BACK.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH YOUR FOLKS?
.. NO
NOTHING
WHAT...?
...
GENERAL HOSPITAL
A...
MARRIAGE INTERVIEW?

YOU WERE JUST SO SEXY WHEN WE RESCUED MIKE-CHAN THE OTHER DAY...
HUH? A DATE?

YEAH? THAT'S GREAT!
LET'S GO ON A DATE ♡
..!!

..
C'MON, IT'S MY TREAT ~~ WHATEVER YOU WANT!
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME?
I'LL SQUEAL A LITTLE ~

...
HMM?

YOU SEEM KINDA OUT OF IT, YOCCHIN
PER-VERT!
SUKE!!
ZHEEE-!!

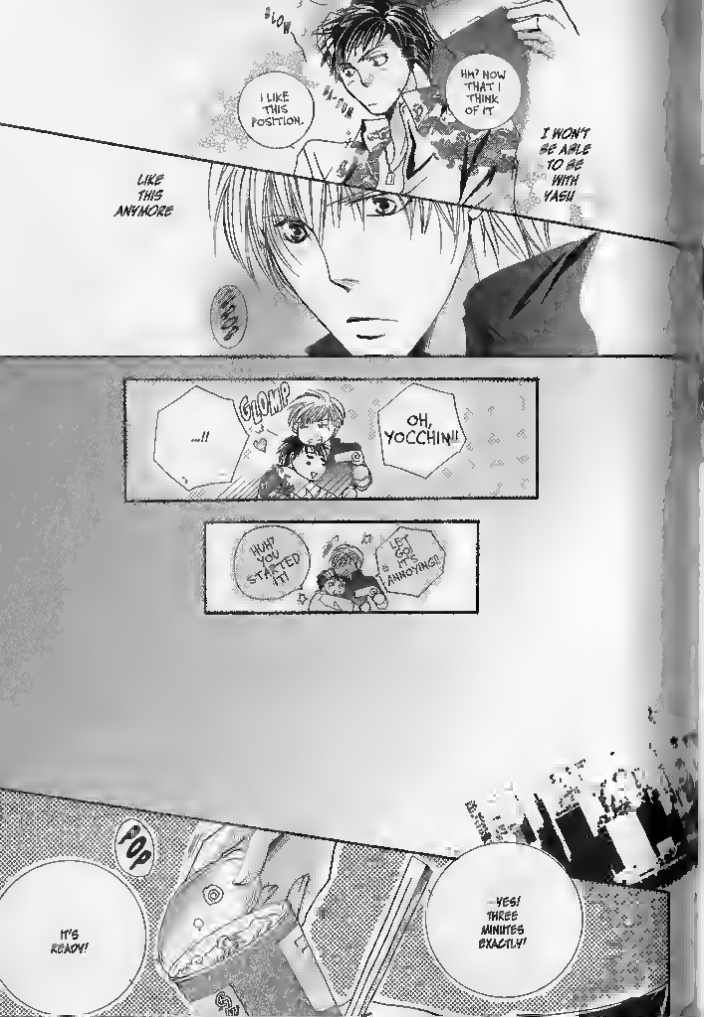
SLEEICE
...?

IN A WORST CASE SCENARIO..
I WORRY ABOUT YOUR MOTHER BEING HOME ALONE WITH RYUICHI... SINCE HE'S STILL IN JUNIOR HIGH.
...
IF YOU CAME HOME, I THINK IT WOULD HELP YOUR BROTHER, TOO
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A JOB
I CAN'T JUST --
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S SELFISH OF US.
HO, THAT'S NOT --!
EVER SINCE RYUICHI WAS BORN...
I KNEW YOU FELT LIKE YOU'D LOST YOUR PLACE IN OUR HOME...

I DON'T MAKE MUCH MONEY..
ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T REALLY MAKE ANYTHING THIS MONTH
HOW COULD I EVER MARRY A WOMAN LIKE THAT...?
YOU SHOULD COME AND WORK FOR ME, THEN
IT'S A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY! SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A MAN WHO WORKS WITH YOUR FATHER'S LATEST CLIENT. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
FATHER HOLDS A HIGH POSITION AT WORK.
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT...?
WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK HOME, YOSHIYUKI?
I HAVE TO STAY HERE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WHILE..
AND I'M GETTING OLD.

WHAT'S WRONG, YOCCHIN?
BUT...
YES, I'M UPSET!
GRR
YOU'RE BEING PRETTY QUIET. ARE YOU UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING?
HISH HISH
MEW?
WERE TWO GROWN MEN!
SCRUB SCRUB
IS SHAMPOOING CATS PART OF A DETECTIVE'S JOB, TOO?!
DON'T BE SO NAIVE, YOCCHIN-KUN! THESE SMALL SERVICES HELP US CAPTURE THE HEARTS OF OUR CLIENTS!!
KIRYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY'S PET SHAMPOO AND DRY SPECIAL ($3# PER ANIMAL)
YOU'RE LOUSY AT HANDLING ANIMALS— GIVE HIM HERE
YOU DAMN CAT!! I'M GONNA EAT YOU!!
HOW DID YOU GET YOURSELF SO SOPPING WET, ANYWAY? GEEZ...
RUB
SOAKED
WE MIGHT AS WELL BE HANGY-MEN...!
WAH
ACHOO!
WAH
OW!

BUT I ACTED AS IF I DIDN'T.
I AM TRULY SORRY
GIVE ME SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT
UH, PLEASE
THAT'S WHAT I SAID...


SLOW
I LIKE THIS POSITION.
HM? NOW THAT I THINK OF IT
I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE WITH YASU
LIKE THIS ANYMORE
...!!
OH, YOCCHIN!!
HUH? YOU STARTED IT!
LET GO, IT'S ANNOYING!
POP
IT'S READY!
—YES! THREE MINUTES EXACTLY!

SOAK ME...!
"SOPPING WET"...
PLEASE... SAY THAT AGAIN.
Y... YOCCHIN!
HUH...?
DO
RUFFLE RUFFLE
S-STOP!! MY ROOTS !
IT'S TOO HOT!!
OW, THAT'S HOT!
YOU! ARE! AN! IDIOT!!
IF I QUIT...
BLOW
THAT'S RIGHT..
IT REALLY IS TOO HOT WHEN YOU HOLD IT THAT CLOSE
...!

...JUST KISS IT BETTER.
ENOUGH—STOP JOKING AROUND!
I'M NOT JOKING—
GET YOUR FACE AWAY FROM ME!
KISS IT...
HUH?
...?
YOCCHIN.

I'VE MOSTLY JUST BEEN EATING CUP NOODLES LATELY.
PRETTY SAD, HUH?
I SHOULD AT LEAST GET SOME VEGETABLES. BUT A HEAD OF LETTUCE COSTS $3!! THAT'S CRAZY!
MUTTER MUTTER
NO MATTER HOW DISTANT I AM FROM MY PARENTS...
THEY DID RAISE ME UNTIL I WENT TO COLLEGE. BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY COME HOME NOW...?
I WONDER IF YOU CAN EAT GRASS...?
OW, THAT'S HOT!!
...?!
OW
I BURNED MY TONGUE—!
BECAUSE YOU ATE TOO FAST! HANG ON, I'LL GET YOU SOME WATER
YOU'RE SUCH A HANDFUL
NO

I HOPE WE CAN ALWAYS BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS
SMOKE
I WAS JUST THINKING...
WHAT? WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME?
HEH
OH, NO REASON
HUH? WOULD THAT BE SO BAD?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
...I WONDER WHERE...
I JUST FELT LIKE SAVING IT...
WHERE DO I...

BA-DUM

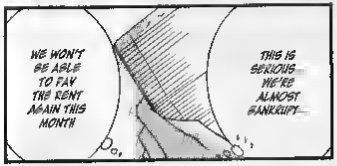
.. GOTCHA!!
SNUGG
FLINCH
UH.. YASU... YOU..

FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SERIOUS!
MUMU
YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE SO...--! DON'T SCARE ME!
YOU DID?
STARE
DOTT
JUST KIDDING!
PRETTY GOOD ACTING, HUH?
HEE HEE

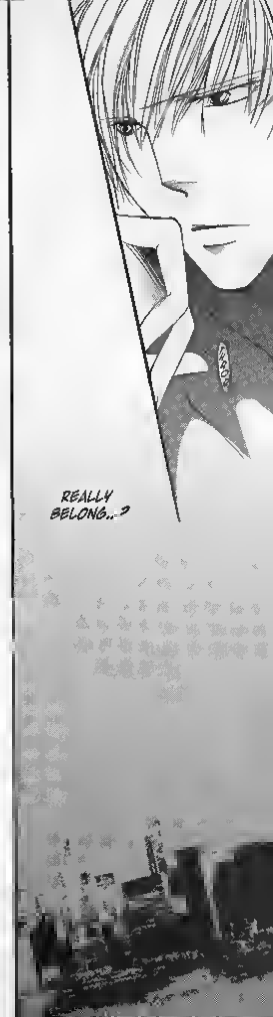
I'M COMING IN!!
KER SHWING!!
I'M... REALLY SORRY
SIGH
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH!
YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME SOMETHING!! OR ELSE...
K-KUSAKO-SAN!! LONG TIME, NO SEE...
DON'T YOU "LONG TIME, NO SEE" ME! HOW LONG DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO WAIT FOR THE RENT?!

I'LL HAVE TO...
EVICT YOU!!

...
SIGH


WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY THE RENT AGAIN THIS MONTH
THIS IS SERIOUS... WE'RE ALMOST BANKRUPT...

HEY, YASU— IF WE DON'T --
GASA
RAP RAP RAP
YACCHAN!! ARE YOU IN THERE?!


REALLY BELONG...?

THE YAKUZA IN THIS AREA HAVE CHANGED...
THEY'VE STARTED CRACKING DOWN
HUH ?
THEY CAME IN AND SAID, "KICK OUT ANYONE WHO DOESN'T MAKE THEIR RENT."
KAEKO IS A STRONG WOMAN, BUT TIMES ARE TOUGH
KICK THEM OUT, HUH...?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YASU...
LOOK THAT SERIOUS BEFORE.
WHERE ELSE CAN I GO?
UM, WAIT...!!
THAT'S IT?
HUH?!
THAT'S IT! SO YOU'D BETTER GET ME THE MONEY!!
CLOP
CREAK
SLAM
I'VE BEEN HERE SEVEN YEARS... IT'S LIKE MY NEST! WHERE ELSE CAN I GO?
STARE
WE'VE GOT TO TALK HER INTO WAITING ANOTHER MONTH!
ANYWAY...
I WONDER IF THAT'S THE REASON ?
I KNOW, BUT IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING IN A HURRY...

...DONATE MONEY TO THE DETECTIVE AGENCY?
I'LL AGREE TO THE MARRIAGE INTERVIEW AND THE JO# SO, PLEASE --!
EVERYONE--
YOSHI-YUKI...
IS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO BRING YOU HOME

TA-DAAH! WELCOME TO THE KIRYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY!!
SMACK
YOU SEEM PRETTY HAPPY KIRYUUIN-SAN
CALL IYAKU!!
YOU NOTICED? WELL, I ALWAYS DREAMED.. I'D HAVE A SHADY LITTLE DETECTIVE AGENCY ONE DAY
AND THIS IS THE OFFICE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
TUK

I'M ALWAYS TELLING HIM TO STAY CALM AND COOL.
FLIP
HUH? WHY IS HE PUTTING FILES HERE?
KNOCK KNOCK
SORRY, YASU ARE YOU STILL UP?
I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU

IF YOU DON'T PAY ME
WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE A TALK
I CAN'T STAND THAT ANGRY LOOK ON HIS FACE. ♡
HM?
YOCCHIN'S DESK
HEH
POKE
PART TIME JOBS
—LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
IF I DON'T PAY YOCCHIN SOON, HE'LL BE MAD AT ME, TOO

YOU'LL LEAVING...?
IF YOU'RE INTERVIEWING BRIDES, THAT MUST MEAN...

THEY RAISED ME
WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST, THEY NEED ME NOW
IT'S A FAMILY SITUATION
...
NO...!
PANG!

YOCCHIN... IS THAT...
A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW PHOTO?
..!
WOW! DON'T LOOK AT THAT!
.. SORT OF

BUT THAT'S ALL, RIGHT? YOU'RE TURNING HER DOWN? YOU'RE NOT GETTING MARRIED, ARE YOU...?!
..
..I AM.
"SORT OF"...? YOCCHIN, YOU'RE MEETING HER?!

HE...
...!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'LL BE HAPPY?!
GRAB
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T BELONG THERE!!
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW, I
IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH IT AND GET MARRIED...
TUG
I STAYED HERE, WORKING FOR FREE!
HAPPIER THAN IF...
IT'LL BE EASIER FOR YOU, TOO -- ONE LESS MOUTH TO FEED.
WHAT...?
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!
HOW I FEEL...
IT'S MY PROBLEM...
YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN!
TUG

...!
GLOOM
...!!
IS THAT REALLY...
YAGU -
I DON'T... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
GLOOM
WHAT YOU WANT?!

YANK
...?!
WAIT! WHAT...
YASU..!
THUD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET GO! HEY!!

NOW LET ME GO!!
YOU'RE HURTING ME...
OF YOUR BUSINESS!!
IT'S NONE...
OR HOW I CAME TO THIS DECISION
CLICK
YASU...?
BITCH

"NONE OF MY BUSINESS"?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!
I--
YASH...?!
WHAT ? GET... GET YOUR TONGUE OUT OF MY MOUTH!!
...!!
IS THIS ANOTHER JOKE?!
YASH
FLIP
FLINCH
CLINK
WHAT ? HEY, ENOUGH ALREADY !
STOP...

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CHAPTER 3

...!!

YASU...

To be Continued

I DON'T...
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I, I'M A GUY!!
DON'T GO...
DON'T GO AWAY...
MY HEAD IS SPINNING...
HAAH
AHH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY IS HE...?
IT HURTS...
HAAH
OW!

PUNCH HIM...!
STOP—
WHAT...?
I'M GOING TO...
PLEASE... LET ME FINISH, ALL RIGHT...?
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU...
WHEN THE RAIN STOPS, I'M GOING TO PUNCH HIM...!
BASTARD! YOU THINK APOLOGIZING MAKES IT ALL RIGHT...?
...I'M SORRY
DAMN IT... I CAN'T MOVE...
...STAY WITH ME.
P-PULL OUT...!
STOP— IT HURTS...
AH...!

:NGH!:
:NGH!:
:NGH!:
(HAAH)
YOU LIAR.
LOOK AT YOUR FACE.
:NGH!:
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME..!?
...!
(HAAH)
(HAAH)
...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
:NGH!:
AH!
AH...!
HAAH
(HAAH)
:NGH!:
YOCCHIN
OF OF COURSE NOT WITH A GUY...!
(HAAH)
(HAAH)
PLEASE STOP DOING THAT...
(HAAH)
DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD...?
LET GO OF ME— STOP

...
...
...

AH --
I KNOW YOU WERE UPSET--
BUT DID YOU HAVE TO RESORT TO RAPE?
YOU MAKE ME SICK.
WAIT --!
THANKS -- NOW I DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD ABOUT QUITTING
CREAK
UH--
ARE YOU OKAY--?
SNAP

DUH DUH
I TOLD YOU!
WHAT WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
I WANT US TO ALWAYS BE TOGETHER HERE...!
...!!
SNAP
FLICK
WAIT!!
I'LL HAND IN MY RESIGNATION LATER, "BOSS"
CREAK
...?!
YANK
I'VE ALWAYS..
I-
LET GO!!
I'VE ALWAYS...
LOVED YOU.

POUR
HHH
THUD
...OW!!
MAKE IT
STOP
THAT ASSHOLE!!
JUST JUMPING ME WITHOUT WARNING?! WHAT IS THAT?!
...SHIT!
RUB RUB RUB
WHAT THE FUCK DID I JUST DO?!
TORN
STOMP STOMP STOMP
SLAM!
..."
TWIST

WHAT DO I DO...?
YOU STUPID FOOL...
AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...?
HOW LONG IS THAT, YOU IDIOT...?
HE LOOKED AT ME.
SO SINCERELY
I'VE ALWAYS...
LOVED YOU
ALWAYS...?

I DON'T...
BELONG THERE
...
HM? OKAY, I'LL GET YOU SOME MILK
かりっはむっ
STARE...
HUH?! WH-WHAT?!
OH, YOCCHIN!!
YOU CAN BELONG HERE, ALL RIGHT?
YOU CAN STAY HERE FOREVER!!
..!!
SHOVE
IT'LL BE GREAT! STAY WITH ME!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BABY-SIT?
WHAT?! YOU WANT ME TO BABY-SIT YOU FOREVER?
CAN'T BREATHE!

I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM...
HE WAS ALONE IN THE PARK, LOOKING SO LONELY...
LIKE A LOST CHILD. I COULDN'T LEAVE HIM.
MEOW
LOOK, HE'S DANCING
YOU JUST HAPPENED TO WORK FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE?!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YEAH IT JUST KIND OF HAPPENED
GETTING INTO A GOOD SCHOOL, GETTING A GOOD JOB...
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERED TO THE NOMURAS BEING AN "HONORS STUDENT" IS JUST SOMETHING I DO TO SATISFY THEM.
BUT I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN.
YOCCHIN ~~
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I INVITED HIM TO MY OFFICE...
TOKYO UNIVERSITY? REALLY?!
KIRYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
AND YOU WORKED FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE?!

TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK
YOCCHIN'S BEAR
GAH!! I REALLY AM SICKENING!!
YOU MAKE ME SICK
SLAP SLAP SLAP
I'M NOT CALLING TO APOLOGIZE. NOT+ AT+ ALL!!
WHO AM I TALKING TO?
WELL I'M THE BOSS, SO I'M SUPPOSED TO CALL EMPLOYEES WHO DON'T COME TO WORK!
HEY... YOCCHIN-SAN...
AH...
LET ME APOLOGIZE, AT LEAST!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A LAST STRAW TO GRAB?
SLUMP
SIGNAL REJECTED...
BEEP
WAITING FOR CONNECT...

SIGH! WHAT THE HELL?
FOO
OKAY, OKAY -- TOGETHER FOREVER!
HE'S SWEETENING.
I MEAN IT!
...YEAH, RIGHT!
HEH
IT WAS...
SIGH
WHEN HE SAID HE WAS QUITTING...
I JUST SNAPPED...
I SNAPPED.
AH!
THAT HOPELESS, LONELY AURA OF HIS THAT DREW ME IN.
GIMME A BITE AHH
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE WITH HIM.
NO! JUST TAKE ONE!

I'M GOING TO BE 30—— NEXT YEAR. WHY AM I THINKING OF THAT NOW? HA HA—
MEOW
REGAINED HIS SPIRIT
POINT
HEH HEH! YOU NOTICED, HUH, KITTY? ♡ THIS ISN'T SMELT. IT'S CAPELIN I GOT FROM AN OLD WOMAN THAT LOOKS LIKE SMELT!
I WAS HOPING TO SAVE IT FOR MY DINNER, BUT NO POINT NOW! HERE YOU GO!
SA BA FA DUM!
IT'S HIGH-CLASS, ALL-NATURAL PET— AUGH?!
JUMP!
SLIP
SIGH
WOOSH
YOU SHOULD HAVE GIVEN ME THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE, MISTER
IT'S NO USE...
MRR?
I REALLY DO NEED YOCCHIN...
DAMN IT...

...
SIGH
I'VE GOT WORK TO DO
WELL—
MEOW
CHK CHK CHK
BUTAN!
BUTAN-CHAN!!
LOOK I BROUGHT SMELT— YOUR FAVORITE!
COME OVER HERE SO I CAN FEED YOU!
HMMM
MEOW
MMM... SO TASTY! MEOW? ♡

SIGH
MAN, IT'S SO COLD IT'S UN-BEARABLE!!
SIFF SIFF
I'M BACK
CREAK
YOCCHIN, POUR ME SOME COFF...
BE ---
SILENCE
MEOW?
WAH WAH
I'M NOT JUST ATTRACTED TO LOOKS, YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE FALLEN FOR EVERY PRETTY FACE IN SHINJUKU ...!
GO-ICHI
MEOW?
LUFF
WHAT... TRYING TO CHEER ME UP, FAT CAT?
YOU JUST GAVE ME SUCH A RAW T ME!
EVEN IF I SAY, "I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU"...
...
LICK LICK
FALLEN FOR
BUT NOW...
HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME.
I LOVE YOU..
YOCCHIN
THERE'S A GOOD BOY
HER
SNIFF

HM?
NOTICE OF RESIGNATION
...

HOW CONSIDERATE...!
FLAP
CAT-A-N
SO YOU REALLY LEFT ONE!
WHEN?
NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

...
THUMP
OH, YEAH...
SIGH
YOU'RE NOT HERE I FORGOT
RUSTLE
RECEIPT
WOOSH
AW
I'M SO SORRY!!
YOU COMPLETE IDIOT!!
OR NOT! THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO SCOLD YOU!

...
SIGH
I'M SORRY
OH HIGH CLASS SMELT
MAN SPENT TOO MUCH
YOU'RE GONNA GET SCOLDED AGAIN

ARE YOU HAPPY...?
SLIDE
WELCOME HOME, YOSHIOKI-SAN!!
COME IN! WE'RE HAVING STIR-FRY FOR DINNER. IT'LL BE READY SOON, SO JUST RELAX UNTIL THEN!
...THANK YOU.
RYUUICHI! YOUR BROTHER'S HOME!
STEP ON IT!

HE LEFT ME ALL ALONE.
I WONDER WHAT THAT DICKHEAD'S DOING NOW?
WHAT-EVE....
IT IS YOU'RE DOING...
YEAH, RIGHT!

I'M...
YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE HERE FROM NOW ON...
RIGHT, BRO...?
SO HAPPY, YOU KNOW?
YEAH...
I HOPE WE CAN ALWAYS BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS.
I WAS JUST THINKING

EH?! YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG...!
I'M IN JUNIOR HIGH ALREADY! HEY, WILL YOU HELP ME STUDY UNTIL DINNER'S READY?
PEEK
WELCOME HOME, BRO!!
RYUUICHI-CHAN!! HE JUST GOT HERE... LET HIM RELAX FOR A MINUTE!
OH, RIGHT— SORRY
I WAS SO HAPPY, I FORGOT
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. WHAT IS IT— MATH?
YES!! COME ON UP TO MY ROOM!!
THIS WAY

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CHAPTER 4
To be Continued
THAT'S RIGHT

SHE SAW YOUR PICTURE...
AND REALLY TOOK A LIKING TO YOU
SO NEXT SUNDAY...
SIGH
ISN'T IT EXCITING...?
YOUR FIRST FORMAL MARRIAGE INTERVIEW
WIPE
YOU SHOULD GET A NEW SUIT, YOSHIYUKI-SAN
REET REET REET
REET
DAMN, I'M TIRED! SO, TODAY...
YUKI-SAN'S ROMIN-CHAN FROM THE BATH TOWEL PUB, AND YUKARI-SAN'S TAMA-CHAN FROM THE 24-HOUR PINK HOSPITAL...
NEED A SHAMPOO --
SIGH
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
I QUIT.
AFTER 7 YEARS IT'S BEEN INGRAINED IN ME

THEN YOU TAKE X AND...
OH, I SEE!!
HEE HEE
YES, THEY REALLY GET ALONG
RYUUICHI'S REALLY GOTTEN ATTACHED TO HIS BROTHER
...
WELL YOU SEE.
HERE! I DON'T GET IT

EVERYONE SEEMS SO HAPPY...
AM I IMAGINING IT...?
EVERYONE ACTS LIKE...
THEY WANT ME TO BE PART OF THE FAMILY AGAIN.
WOW! LOOKS GOOD!
THANK YOU.
HERE, I BAKED A CAKE

UM... YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOSHIYUKI-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM A LITTLE TIRED.
HM? OH...
HM? NO, IT'S NOT THAT --

POP
BRO...
ARE YOU FINISHED? CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY MATH?
BUT BIG BRO IS BETTER AT EXPLAINING THINGS!
I'M SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE! WELL, LET ME HAVE A LOOK...
ENOUGH, RYUUICHI!! YOU CAN'T KEEP PESTERING YOUR BROTHER!
WHY DON'T YOU ASK YOUR TEACHER AT SCHOOL?

I CAN STAY HERE AND DO THAT...
CAN'T I...?
YEAH...
WE GOT HELP UP SOLVING A STUDY BOOK
CAN WE DO HAVE DINNER TOGETHER?!
YES!
MOM SAID IT'S OKAY!
WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE?
HMP WHATEVER YOU WANT
DINNER, HUH ..?
HM WHERE SHOULD WE GO..?
IS HE STILL EATING CUP NOODLES...? THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR HIS HEALTH..
THAT DAMN Y-SU...
HUH? WAIT A MINUTE...
BE CAREFUL WHEN USING
I HAVEN'T FORGIVEN HIM AT ALL FOR WHAT HE DID!!
WHY AM I THINKING ABOUT HIM?!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
WHY SHOULD I BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT ANIMAL?!
A-ERO WHAT'S WRONG?

HUH?!
HERE .?
THESE ARE COIN LOCKERS.
THIS IS WHERE I WAS LEFT
MY UMBILICAL CORD WAS STILL ATTACHED...
I WAS WRAPPED IN A BLANKET..
EAST SHINJUKU EXIT, UNDERGROUND AREA.

HEY, WHERE'RE WE GOING..?
AFTER SEEING YOU, ANY PARENTS' UNEASE WOULD DOUBLE.
HOW STRAIGHT-FORWARD YOU ARE
YOU'RE SADIST
SO WE'RE GOING WHERE, EXACTLY? ARE WE TAKING A TRAIN?
THEY'RE OVER THERE.
HERE!
YOU WOULDN'T SHUT UP ABOUT MEETING MY PARENTS, SO I'M TAKING YOU
WELL... AS YOUR BOSS, I AM GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD MEET THEM TO PUT THEIR MINDS AT EASE

...WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
I DON'T NEED YOUR SYMPATHY
HAVE A BAD MEMORY!
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
I'M N-NOT CRYING, DUMMY!
SNIFFLE
ぼたぼたぼた
I'M GONNA FIND HER!
HUH?
S-SOMEDAY I'M GONNA.
SNIFFLE
I'LL FIND YOUR MOM...

—SO I GUESS YOU COULD SAY... THIS IS MY PARENT
...?
BOW
かばう
PLEASE ALLOW ME...
TO LOOK AFTER YOUR SON!!
...
TREMBLE
JUST STAND UP, PLEASE
PEOPLE ARE LOOKING...
STARE STARE
UH.. KUKUHA-SAN ..?

HUH?
I'M SORRY, RYUUICHI...!
PLEASE WAIT HERE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
DASH
HUH...?!
DA DUM

WHY IS HE HERE?
WHY?
YASU...!

IS THAT A PROMISE?
HONK
ACHOO!
THAT'S RIGHT...

HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON...
TO EVER SAY THAT TO ME

I SWEAR I WILL..!
SOB!

HE SAID I COULD STAY WITH HIM FOR-EVER..

CHASING AFTER HIM...?
OI OUM
WHY AM I..
WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE IF IT WAS HIM?
YASU... YASU... YASUKUNI SHRINE? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET THERE?
WHY AM I TALKING LIKE A FOREIGNER?
FOREIGNERS SURE TALK LOUD.
DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT
HA HA
DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO YASUKUNI?
SORRY I DON'T KNOW...
...?
EXCUSE ME!
HIM? WAIT A MINUTE...
HOW EMBARRASSING..!

KABAKO-SAN!!
HM, STILL SCRATCHY
EVEN AT NIGHT HER FACE IS FEARSOME!!
KA-
MAKE LIKE A PINK SALON SIGN, YASU!!
YES... MASK YOURSELF LIKE A SALON SIGN!!
SHE'S DANGEROUS!
COMPLETE CAMOUFLAGE?
I'M SORRY!!
REALLY... I'LL HAVE THE RENT NEXT MONTH, SO PLEASE DON'T EVICT ME!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
PLEASE...!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T YACCHAN—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
THEY'RE ALL SO CUTE AND SEXY

YOU'RE SUCH A DAMN PAIN!!
TAP TAP
(HELP ME!)
EVEN WITH A NICE GUY LIKE ME SPOILING YOU!!
OW, THAT HURTS.
I WISH YOCCHIN WERE HERE...
HELP! I'VE BEEN CATNAPPED!
BUT HE HAS AN IRON WILL...
I'D BRING HIM BACK IF I COULD...
AND AFTER I FORCED HIM LIKE THAT...
HM...? ISN'T THAT...
YOU'RE LOUSY AT HANDLING ANIMALS...
...

SLURP
SLURP
OH, WE'RE HAVING CRAB TONIGHT?
WOW! IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!! LET'S EAT!!
IT'S WONDERFUL
IT'S HOT POT NIGHT, YOCCHIN! LET'S HAVE SOME TOGETHER!
RYUUTAROU NOMURA—?
WHY WOULD YOCCHIN'S DAD PUT MONEY IN MY—?
WAIT, DID HE—
BL CREDIT UNION
SELL HIMSELF INTO SLAVERY, OR SOMETHING?
EVERYTHING YOU MISSED, UP THROUGH THE NEXT SIX MONTHS..
NOMURA-KUN ALREADY PAID THE RENT..
KIKYUUIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
WHAT THE...?
I DIDN'T THINK YOCCHIN HAD THAT MUCH IN THE BANK..
WAS THE ONE PAYING HIM AFTER ALL.
AT LEAST HE KNOWS THAT MUCH.

OH... THANK YOU
ARE YOU OKAY?
RUSTLE
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME COLD MEDICINE JUST IN CASE
WAIT HERE
IS YOUR STOMACH UPSET? WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT FOR THE INTERVIEW TOMORROW?
IS IT A COLD...?
OH, NO... IT'S NOT THAT
CREAK
THUMP
SUIT FOR THE INTERVIEW
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT FOR THE INTERVIEW TOMORROW?

SO? IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE? TOFU. OR TOFU?
I'LL DAWDY IT UP
YOU CALL THIS HOT POT?
ISN'T THIS JUST TOFU IN HOT WATER?
IT'S ALL TOFU!!
CHEERS!
HEY STOP!
...I REMEMBER THAT
MINE
YOURS
I WAS ALWAYS LAUGHING WITH HIM...
~~SAN...?
HEW
ALL YEAR LONG HE DID STUPID CRAP LIKE THAT
KEIR
JUST TOFU
PLOP
GASP
...!!
OH... RIGHT
OH, MY... IS THAT ALL THAT'S BOTHERING YOU!?
YOSHIYUKI-SAN? AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?

"HIS FAULT"...?!
IT'S...
...
HE'S NOT WITH ME?
AM I FEELING SO IRRITATED BECAUSE...

FOR SOME REASON...
I FEEL LIKE I JUST CAN'T RELAX
WHEN I'M HERE...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...?
EVEN THOUGH...
HE FORCED ME THE WAY HE DID
GAHH!!
GET OUT OF MY HEAD!!!
THERE'S A WAY THINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DONE! SHIT!! IT'S ALL HIS FAULT I FEEL SO IRRITATED!!
IF YOU "ALWAYS LOVED" ME YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SO IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT...
HA HA HA
IS THAT ASSHOLE!
THAT BLABBERING

カチャ
I'M NOT GAY!!
IT'S THAT STUPID IDIOTIC KIRYUUIN!! AFTER BEING AROUND HIM FOR SEVEN YEARS, I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED!
NO... NO... NO.. THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!
COME ON...
SEVEN YEARS AGO..
HE GAVE ME THE PLACE THAT I'D ALWAYS WANTED...

AM I MAD AT HIM BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID...
OR IS IT JUST BECAUSE HE DIDN'T DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY...?
DOES THAT MEAN...?

OUR DAUGHTER, SAKURAKO-SAN...
STUDIED ABROAD IN ENGLAND...
AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.
IT'S TOO LATE TO COME TO THESE REALIZATIONS NOW...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
THUMP
SIGH
...A PLACE WHERE I BELONG.
WORK FOR ME.

WILL I HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS "FEELING OF EMPTINESS..."?
..BUT IS IT ALWAYS GOING TO BE LIKE THIS?
LET'S GO
HO HO
WOULD THE TWO OF YOU LIKE TO TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE GARDEN?
OH... OKAY.

CAN'T YOU SMILE A LITTLE?
SEE? SHE'S LOOKING AT YOU
YOSHIYUKI...
AND ALSO
SHE WENT TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY
BLUSH
SMILE
SMILE! SMILE
HE'S SO PRETTY
WHAT'S WRONG SAKURAKO SAN?
I'M CONFIDENT ABOUT MY LOOKS...
...
...HOW TIRESOME.

HAAH!
HAH!
AH!!

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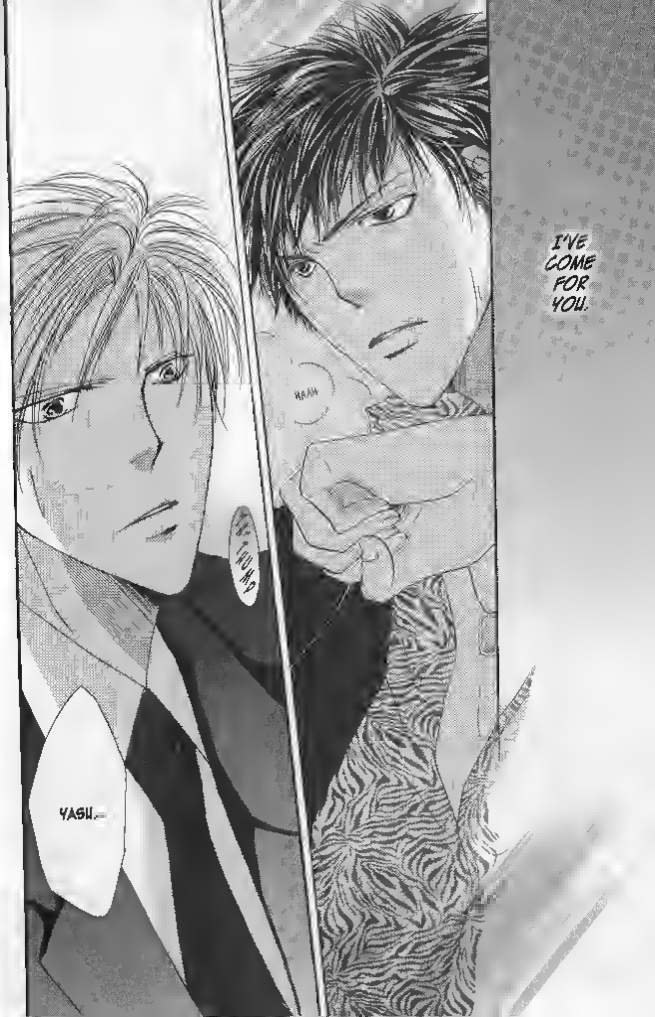
FINAL CHAPTER

I'VE COME FOR YOU.
To be Continued

SOB
HUH?
SOB?
WH..
SNIFFLE
YOCCHINNNN!!
COME BACK! I LOVE YOU!!
SNIFFLE
...


I'VE COME FOR YOU.
HAAH
YA...YUKI?
YASU...

I'LL RETURN ALL OF THE MONEY YOU SPENT ON ME.
PLEASE PRETEND NONE OF THIS HAPPENED...
I'M VERY SORRY...
YOSHI --
SOB
HUHHHHH?
COME BACK...
SOB
SNIFFLE
DON'T GET MARRIED!
YOCCHIN...!
SOUND
SOUND
SOUND
...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHO IN THE WORLD IS THAT?
YOSHIYUKI?

?
DUMFOUNDED
HOW RUDE!! WAIT... WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, NOMURA-SAN?!
I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME...
EH?
WHAT...?
FWUH
SUDDENLY
I'VE SEEN MY SON...
BUFFET
BUFFET

MY TROUBLESOME PARTNER HAS COME FOR ME.
YOSHIYUKI...? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
I'M REALLY... VERY SORRY.
AND I NEED HIM, TOO
HE'S FOOLISH, AND NOT VERY SMART, AND HAS A TEMPER, AND IS TERRIBLE WITH MONEY...
?
BUT I THINK HE NEEDS ME MORE THAN ANYONE...

...!
YO~~
SLAP SLAP SLAP
HUH?!
YOCCHIN?
UM~? WAIT...

SMILE
LIKE THAT.

I WAS... FEELING SO MANY THINGS AND FINALLY SEEING YOUR FACE AGAIN --!
BUT

SEVEN YEARS AGO...
FOR SOME REASON...
SOMEHOW...
TODAY...
AND PROBABLY ALL THE TIME IN BETWEEN...
I'M ALWAYS...

KIRYUDIN DETECTIVE AGENCY
STEP
HEY— C'MON, WAIT
V... YOCCHIN?

ARE YOU A COMPLETE IDIOT?!
YO --
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY ANYTHING?
CRESH

WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?! YOU EMBARRASSED THE HELL OUT OF ME!!
HE'S SPEECHLESS
A FULL-GROWN ADULT CRYING LIKE A CHILD?!
YOU'RE GONNA BE 30 NEXT YEAR, YOU FOOL!!

YOU ARE CRYING.
SHUT UP! I SAID I'M NOT!!
OK
WELL.

DON'T CRY
I'M NOT CRYING, MUMMY!

IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU ARE.

SAVED BY YOUR FOOLISHNESS.

I KNOW I SAID IT THEN
BUT I REALLY HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU.
WHEN YOU SAID YOUR MARRIAGE INTERVIEW WAS "NONE OF MY BUSINESS," I JUST SNAPPED.
I'M SORRY I ACTED THE WAY I DID.
...
I GUESS THIS IS THE POINT WHEN..
I'M SUPPOSED TO ACCEPT HIS APOLOGY...?
...
UM...
I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE...
...?
FORGIVE YOU.
...

HUH?! ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY IT'S ALL MY FAULT?!
YOU DID WALK OUT OF THAT INTERVIEW PRETTY EASILY...
HORRIBLE AND CLUMSY!
ADMIT IT...
ANYWAY, WHAT'S UP WITH YOU PAYING ALL MY BILLS? YOU CAN'T JUST DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
YOU WANTED TO COME BACK TO ME!
HOW UNCHARACTER ISTICALLY SHARP OF HIM!
SWISHING!
YOU BIG LIAR! YOU DID WANT TO COME BACK!! NO MATTER WHAT I DID BEFORE, YOUR FACE PROVED YOU ENJOYED IT!! YOU LOVE ME- DON'T YOU!!
IDIOT, IDIOT, IDIOT!!
I DID NOT!!
I HAD... NO... CHOICE! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, YOU STUPID APE!!
YOU DROOPY-EYED BASTARD!! SAVE YOUR DREAMS FOR SLEEPING!!
STOP MAKING THAT FACE!
YOU'RE SO ANGRY IT'S SUSPICIOUS
YOU CAME BACK BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME.
NO!! YOU'RE WRONG!!

YOCCHIN...?
!!
BUT...
I'M NOT GOING TO!!
I...
"SORRY"?!! YOU HURT ME, I WAS BLEEDING, YOU CAME INSIDE ME, AND I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE!!
YOU WERE HORRIBLE!!
REALLY HORRIBLE.
TH...
THAT BAD?!

HOMB...
...
...!!
...
KISS

PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
YOCCHIN...
WELCOME HOME.

YOU CAME BACK...
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
IF YOU DON'T, JUST SAY SO
WHAT THE HELL IS "THIS"?!
I...
I COULDN'T STAND...
—MN?
MNN?
WH —
WAHH!!
THUMP
AUGH!
..!! WAIT— WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HUH?
DON'T "HUH?" ME!!

...BEING AWAY FROM YOU AGAIN.
YOCCHIN...?
GEEZ...
YOU'RE HOPELESS.
...!!
AH!
...!!

...STOP NOW?
YOU...
...AH!
HAAH
SUPPOSE
PINCH
SLIDE
...!!
"I COULDN'T STAND BEING AWAY FROM YOU AGAIN."
"I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU."
MMM?
...!!
YOU'RE ALREADY WET...
HAAH
SLIP
H-HEY... PERVERT!! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!
FIRST MY BODY AND NOW MY FACE?! PERVERT!
HUH? BUT I'M TOUCHING YOU ISN'T THAT WORSE THAN LOOKING?!
QUIET!! LOOK AT ME AGAIN AND IT'S OVER!
W...
WAH!!
CAN YOU REALLY
PINCH
SQUEEZE

OW...!!
THRUST
HAAH
AH...!
>NGH!<
AN...
OR YOU MIGHT EXPLODE.
HAAH
HAAH
YOU NEED TO BREATHE...
OH SORRY...
I MEAN, I CAN'T HELP IT...
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HARD THIS IS FOR ME...!
WIPE THAT SMIRK OFF YOUR FACE, DAMN IT!
HAAH

I SHOULD'VE BEEN THE ONE TO SAY THOSE THINGS...
>MNN<
AH...!
...!!
>NGH!<
LIFT YOUR HIPS. DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD?
HAAH
YOU IDIOT
...!!
BUT IT'S KIRYUUIN WHO'S STUPID AND FOOLISH
AND I COULDN'T

SEEZ...
I HOPE SO.
YOU ARE HOPELESS
HAH
. MAYBE I WILL BE ABLE TO SAY IT.
...STAY WITH ME.
THRUST
WH-WHAT...?!
WAH!!
I KNOW
I'M STUPID, FOOLISH AND POOR...
...I'M JUST SO HAPPY, I COULD BAT YOU UP.
SQUEEZE
SHUDDER
:NGH!:
AH...
SOME-DAY..
SO PLEASE...
BUT I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT
AH...!!
IF I DO STA HERE WI HIM..

GULP
OH, YOCCHIN!!
SHIFT
TREMBLE
OH...
UGH...
LET'S BE TOGETHER FOREVER ♡
HEE HEE
IT DID FEEL GOOD, DIDN'T IT?
AH...!!
STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
HEY... CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
GULP
? WHAT...?
STOP MAKING THAT FACE

BY THE WAY...
HM? WHAT?
I DID SAY "ALWAYS"... HOW LONG IS ALWAYS...?
HMM
HEH
I THINK
UM, WELL... THAT IS...
WHY AM I EMBARRASSED NOW!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LOVED ME?
HUH?!
I'M GETTING SOME WATER
BLUSH
I MAY HAVE LOVED YOU...
SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU
HUH?
YOU MEAN...
HM? HUH ?! AH!

HUH?
SO... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SOME GENIUS WHO WENT TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE IT.
DID YOU REALLY GO THERE?
HMM... THEN DO IT.
OF COURSE! I CAN SAY SOMETHING INTELLIGENT IF I WANT TO!!
GIRLS IN PANT-SUITS TURN ME ON MORE THAN GIRLS IN...
MINI-SKIRTS.
WOW! USUALLY GUYS PREFER MINISKIRTS, RIGHT?!
THAT IS SOMETHING AN AIRHEAD WOULD SAY!!
...GOD, YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

我が生涯に悔いはないけれどのBL探偵

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OH? I CAN? REALLY?! THANKS! NEXT MONTH'S I'LL PAY YOU PROPERLY...
YOU CAN--
レント
OF COURSE NOT!! I HAVE TO PAY BACK ALL THE MONEY I BORROWED!! NOW GET TO WORK!!
HUH?! WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OUR SWEET PILLOW TALK?!
NO FAIR!
IT'S NOT PILLOW TALK!!

The END

OF COURSE, I LIKED NOMURA'S CHARACTER TOO, BUT HE REMINDED ME HOW HARD IT CAN BE TO DRAW THE "CONSERVATIVE PRETTY-BOY" TYPE. I REALLY DEVOTED MYSELF TO HIM...
ON THESE FIVE CHAPTERS, I WORKED UP TO THE DEADLINE EVERY TIME ~~ FOUR OF THEM I DELIVERED TO THE EDITORS MYSELF (IT ALMOST FELT LIKE "MAYAMA'S BL DEPARTMENT" FOR A WHILE.) IT MAKES FOR A NICE MEMORY NOW, THOUGH.
LAST, TO ALL MY READERS WHO BOUGHT THIS BOOK AND SUPPORTED ME, TO MY EDITOR, TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO HELPED, AND TO MY FAMILY... THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I'LL KEEP WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN!

JULY, 2006
JUN MAYAMA

-AFTERTHOUGHTS-

HELLO, THIS IS JUN MAYAMA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BUYING "LIVE FOR LOVE."
"LIVE FOR LOVE" WAS THE FIRST TIME I RECEIVED A STORY AND DREW A MANGA FROM IT, BUT I REALLY ENJOYED DOING IT. KIRYUUIN ESPECIALLY ISN'T LIKE ANY CHARACTER I'VE DONE BEFORE, AND HE GOES AGAINST WHAT I USUALLY LIKE FOR MY SEME (①NARROW EYES, ②BRAINIAC, ③GOOD WITH MONEY/PLAIN RICH) AT FIRST, I WAS WORRIED THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DRAW HIM WELL, BUT I FELL IN LOVE RIGHT AWAY WITH HIS DROOPY EYES AND SIDE-BURNS. I REALLY ENJOYED DRAWING HIM!

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Yasuie runs the Kiryuuin Detective Agency in Tokyo's Shinjuku Nichome neighborhood. With no clients and no money, it's a constant struggle just to live and pay the rent. For the past seven years, Yasuie's assistant and partner Yoshiyuki has been willing to suffer through all the good and bad times with him – even considering Yasuie's playful advances, which approach sexual harassment – but life has a way of changing things. Faced with his family's ultimatum, Yoshiyuki must choose between a penniless future with Yasuie and a more traditional lifestyle. Can Yasuie convince Yoshiyuki to stay with him? Even if Yasuie does confess the true reason he brought Yoshiyuki into the detective business, will it be enough to change his partner's mind?

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